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Winchester High School organizations host raffle to support Anna's Fund

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The BriCo team from the WHS Farmers Market Club, from left, Luke Molloy, Justin Chen, Zach Sun, David You, Ethan Lubomirski, Matthew Sun, Andrew Sun, Renee Lubomirski, Eliana Dai-Zhou, Lindsay Miao, Johnny Chen, Ernest Lai, Farmers Market Manager Fred Yen, and BriCo Leader Juan Li at the Aug. 31 market. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

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On Saturday, Aug, 31, the Winchester High School Farmers Market Club successfully concluded its summer raffle fundraiser with the drawing of the winning ticket.

Over the past five weeks, the club had a booth at the market, engaging with community members and selling raffle tickets to marketgoers in an effort to support Anna's Fund, a fund dedicated to ensuring that all Winchester and Woburn residents have access to fresh and nutritious produce at the market.

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The Anna's Fund food basket. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

The winning ticket was bought by Cara Sterling, who will receive a basket consisting of blueberries from Farmer Dave's, bagels and English from OMG Bagels, croissants from Mamadou's Artisan Bakery, ja Wright-Locke Farm, macaroons from Atlas Commercial kitchen, bok choy

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from Flats Mentor Farm, peaches from Lanni Orchards, and two cartons of ice cream from Decorscoops.

The club would like to thank all the vendors at the market for their support in the raffle.

What's next?

Moving forward into the year and as the market season concludes, the club hopes to continue to fundraise and support the market. Last year, the club held several bake sales and merchandise sales, with one raising over $200 and all proceeds going directly to Anna's Fund.

In addition to fundraisers, the club recently launched a new series on Instagram titled "Vendor Spotlight." Each week a new vendor is featured on Instagram, showcasing their unique offerings, top recommendations, and the current must-have items.

Ultimately, the goal is to learn something new about a vendor each week and help people make informed choices for their Saturday morning visits! Follow whs_farmersmarketclub to stay in the loop of our vibrant club community!

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BriCo to the rescue

Along with the WHS Farmers Market Club, BriCo, another volunteer team, has been instrumental in facilitating market operations. Since the 2022 market season, many vendors have sensed confusion within the
many shoppers were non-English speakers, making communicati

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between vendors a challenge. Many of these customers were elderly Chinese speakers.

To combat the challenge, high school students Adam, Ethan, and Renee Lubomirski, as well as Matthew Chen worked together to form a volunteer group called Bridge to Connect, or BriCo, a volunteer group committed to bridging this communication gap and fostering a more inclusive market experience.

Under BriCo, the mission was to connect people with diversified backgrounds together and to build a better community around us. Students also distributed matching funds to aid people suffering from food insecurity and showed up to the market weekly to help translate and facilitate transactions between vendors and shoppers.

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The Winchester High School Anna's Fund Team: From top left to top right: Ethan Lubomirski, Luke Molloy, Adam Lubomirski, Hakyoung Choi, Ila Shanley, Mia Kurtz. From bottom left to bottom right: Tessa Goldstein, Flora Matule and Renee Lubomirski. COURTESY PHOTO/RENEE LUBOMIRSKI

"These students have gone above and beyond and have contributed enormously to the smooth running of the market," said Farmers Market Manager Fred Yen. "They have stepped up to meet the challenge of dealing with huge crowds and have made a positive impact."

The students have been at the market every week for the past three seasons and the team has grown up to about 25 people! All in all, this experience is mutually beneficial — students enhance their Chinese skills, while the market can run smoothly.

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With a little over a month left of the 2024 Farmers Market season, teams look forward to ending this year strong. We'd like to thank everyone

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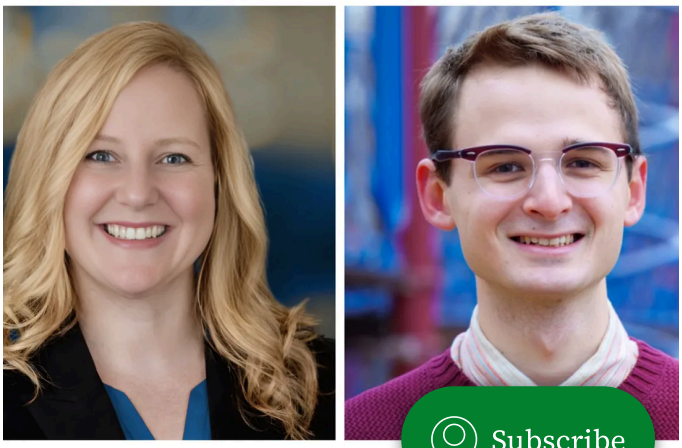

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